



## **Brown et al v. Google LLC et al**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHASOM BROWN, et al.,

Plaintiffs, v. GOOGLE LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 20-cv-03664-LHK (SVK)

ORDER ON ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS TO FILE UNDER SEAL Re: Dkt. Nos. 198, 204, 210, 217, 228, 229

Before the Court are several administrative motions to file under seal materials submitted in connection with discovery disputes in this case. Dkt. Nos. 198, 204, 210, 217, 228, 229; see also Dkt. 203.

Kamakana v. City & Cnty. Of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting Nixon v. Warner Communs., Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 597 & n.7 Kamakana, 447 F.3d at 1178 (quoting Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., 331 F.3d

1122, 1135 (9th Cir. 2003)). The standard for overcoming the presumption of public access to court records depends on the purpose for which the records are filed with the court. A party underlying cause of a Ctr. For

Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., 809 F.3d 1092, 1099 (9th Cir. 2016). For records attached to the lower Id.; see also Kamakana, 447 F.3d at 1179. A party moving to seal court records must also comply with the procedures established by Civil Local Rule 79-5.

ause the information the parties seek to seal was submitted to the Court in connection with discovery-related motions, rather than a motion that concerns the merits of the case. The Court may reach different conclusions regarding sealing these documents under different standards or in a different context. Having considered the motions to seal, supporting declarations, and the pleadings on file, and good cause appearing, the Court ORDERS as follows:



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1. ECF 198

Document Sought to be

Sealed

on Motion to

Seal Plaintiffs Motion to Compel

regarding Dispute P3

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Page 1, lines 16 Page 2, lines 17 Page 3, lines 4, 7, 9-

10, 19-24, 28 Page 4, lines 1-3 Page 6, lines 6-11, 28

Page 7, lines 1-2 Page 8, lines 1, 28

Page 9, lines 1

Narrowly tailored to protect confidential technical information regarding operations and consumer data, including the various types of and their proprietary functions, the various types of logs maintained by Google, and information contained in those logs, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally competitors.

Declaration of John A. Yanchunis In

Compel regarding Dispute P3

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13-14 Page 2, lines 12-13

Narrowly tailored to protect confidential technical information regarding features of Google operations and consumer data, including the various types of and their proprietary functions, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally known to the public or

Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of John



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data storage infrastructure, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally known to the

Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of John

A. Yanchunis

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Exhibit 3 to the Declaration of John

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Exhibit 5 to the Declaration of John

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Exhibit 6 to the Declaration of John

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Exhibit 7 to the Declaration of John



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Exhibit 8 to the Declaration of John

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Proposed Order

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2. ECF 204

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Court Ruling on Motion to

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Reason(s) for Court

Joint Submission Re: Nominations for a Special Master and Proposed

Orders

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Protect individual privacy interests. Exhibit A-1 to A-5 GRANTED

Protect individual privacy interests. 3. ECF 210

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on Motion to

Seal Opposition To To Compel Regarding Dispute P3

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Narrowly tailored to protect confidential technical information regarding operations and consumer data, including the various types of identifiers/cookies and their proprietary functions, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally known to the

Responses and Objections to Deposition

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4. ECF 217

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on Motion to

Seal Joint Letter Brief re: Dispute P16

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Narrowly tailored to protect confidential information regarding internal systems and operations, including details related to internal identifiers and various data logs maintained by Google, as well as practices with regard to the X- Client-Data Header and its proprietary functions, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally known to the public or

5. ECF 228

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on Motion to

Seal Joint Submission GRANTED as to

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Narrowly tailored to protect confidential information regarding features of and operations, including details related to cookies, internal identifiers and various data logs maintained by Google, as well as communications and practices with regard to Incognito, X-Client-Data Header and their proprietary functions, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally competitors.

6. ECF 229

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Narrowly tailored to protect confidential information about internal systems and operations, including details related to cookies, internal identifiers and projects, and various data logs maintained by Google, that Google maintains as confidential in the ordinary course of its business and is not generally known to the public or

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SO ORDERED. Dated: August 11, 2021

SUSAN VAN KEULEN United States Magistrate Judge

